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1. AS WE UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED IN REF A, IT BASICALLY ENTAILS, (A) USG SELLING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER (ABOUT 100) A4S TO GOS WITH BULK REMAINING INITIALLY IN STORAGE IN US; (B) GOS CONTRACTING FOR LAEA TO OVERHAUL FIRST TRANCHE OF AIRCRAFT (10 TO 20); AND (C) GOS THEN SELLING AIRCRAFT TO COUNTRIES APPROVED BY USG. (IMPLIEDLY SECOND AND ADDITIONAL TRANCHES OF A4S TO BE OVERHAULED WOULD BE MOVED FROM US STORAGE TO LASS FOR REHAB ONLY AFTER EARLIER TRANCHES HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF.) US WOULD ALSO "PROVIDE NORMAL FMS CASE SUPPORT TO GOS OR OTHER APPROVED CUSTOMER COUNTRIES FOR AVAILABLE SPARE PARTS" AND, IF POSSIBLE, "EXTEND TO PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMERS FINANCIAL AID/LOAN CREDITS NORMALLY AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT US PURCHASE."

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ARRANGEMENT, WE SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF THE GOI'S BEING SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EXISTENCE (PRESUMABLY

TEMPORARY) OF ADDITIONAL A4S IN SINGAPORE.

3. TWO MATTERS INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT MIGHT CAUSE THE GOI SOME PROBLEMS. REF A (PARA 7) SUGGESTS ISRAEL MIGHT BE A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER (AND SUBPARA E UNDER "GOS SHALL" SECTION IN PARA 7 REF A WOULD REQUIRE SALES TO ISRAEL IF THE USG INSISTED). SHOULD THIS COME TO PASS THE GOI, WHICH HAS TAKEN AN OFFICIAL PRO-ARAB STANCE IN MIDEAST CONFLICT, MIGHT FEEL REQUIRED TO EXPRESS ITS DISAPPROVAL OF THE ARRANGEMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WOULD BE A FELLOW ASEAN NATION SELLING ARMS TO ISRAEL. A SECOND, LESSER, POSSIBLE IRRITANT IS THE SUGGESTION THAT THE US GIVE FMS AND OTHER CREDIT SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT, AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE REFUSED TO CONSIDER FMS SUPPORT FOR A SMALL ARMS FACILITY THE GOI WANTS.

4. IF IT WERE CLEAR THAT A4S REHABILITATED IN SINGAPORE WOULD NOT GO TO ISRAEL, WE FEEL ON BALANCE THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT. SHOULD IT APPEAR LIKELY THAT THE ARRANGEMENT WILL GO THROUGH, WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WISH TO INFORM THE GOI PRIVATELY BEFORE ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE. GALBRAITH

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